

SPORTS

Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By, Ricky Mularz Editor

I got my wife and baby girl out of the hospital Sunday and can now get my mind back on Sports; the only problem is that it's AEA week and all the schools are closed. Oh well, maybe I can look through my desk and find something to write about!

SPIRITS ARE HIGH AT ELBA

I talked with Elba's Coach Mack Wood and a couple of players prior to Friday's scrimmage, and everything seemed to be going fine in Tipterville. Coach Wood said practice is looking good and he's feeling good, though in his opinion for optimism! He wasn't about to get carried away and make any statements concerning the upcoming '83 season; however, he did feel next year's team could be improved over last season's 4-5 record. A big thanks go to Wood, has been great with the freshening up from the junior team to the younger kids aren't about to be content kneeling on the sidelines, and Wood said they are pushing the veterans for their positions. This competition in practice will help the team get better and better.

The team is looking forward to the season. At the scrimmage Friday there was a lot of spirit and enthusiasm, no mention hitting, and every player started out got in on the action. Team morale is high, and if it will carry on into the weight room after spring training, next season could be one to watch.

GAMECOCK PRIDE IS ALIVE AND WELL

New Brockton's football program may be young, but it is alive and well, thanks to its very active "Athletic Club" which is doing a great job in the community. Numerous raise events during the year, sponsor little League football, operates a concession stand and looks for projects to work at. The club's latest project is to construct a field house in the endzone of the stadium. The facility, which will cost approximately \$50,000 to build, will have a large lobby, a dressing room area, a coach's office, a room in which to view films. It sounds like a major venture and it is - but if they say they're going to build it - you better believe 'em!

We went to New Brockton last Thursday to watch spring practice, but it was "showed out" and the players were in and hit the weights. New Brockton may be the smallest 2A school in the state; however, the players work as hard as anybody and look pretty tough to me.

KEN ENGLISH AT IT AGAIN!

New Hope's Coach Ken English, a man of many talents, created quite a stir last year with his "Bear Bryant" plaque, and now he has outdone himself by constructing a "revised" Mt. Rushmore. The new sculpture is exactly like the national monument, except it also includes the name of late Coach Bear Bryant. The sculpture is really something to see and it is a must keepsake for all Alabama fans to have. I plan on doing a story about English and his creation next week, but if you want one now, just call him up. He'll be glad to make you one.

TIME TO WATCH THAT WAISTLINE

Now that basketball seasons is over and there is nowhere to go at night, I'll have to watch out for waistlines. I do eat very much when I'm busy, but when I'm sitting around the house I just think about how hungry I am and eat constantly.

There are two events coming up that'll get me out of the house (and kitchen); however, both are banquets, and one is at a steak house, while the other is at a popular seafood restaurant. Time to pull out the jogging shoes!

GREENVILLE RULES THE ROOST IN JAMBOREE

A lot of people (myself included) thought Greenville had gone into early with they invited Lanier and Opp to compete in a jamboree. Well, I never was too smart anyway! Greenville, a rebuilding team after losing 18 starters, defeated both Opp and Lanier and are just as good as ever. Just ask the 4A fans from Montgomery.

WAYNE PURVIS RESIGNS POST AT MARIANNA

Remember Wayne Purvis, the very vocal coach at Coffee Springs who went to Marianna (Florida)? Well, he is now 4 years old and still coaching crazy. Purvis' Marianna is to a 23-1 record in his first year, but a very inexperienced team lost 18 games this season and school officials thought a change was needed. Don't be surprised when you hear he's back in coaching, because he always lands on his feet!

JUST A LITTLE BRAGGING . . . ?

I got my little girl out of the hospital Sunday and both she and my wife Kathy are doing fine. I'll admit I was expecting a boy, but after one look I knew this little lady was just what I wanted. I always was a pushover for a pretty girl.

TUXEDOS

The Abbeville Jaycees will host their annual Ladies Softball Tournament April 1 and 2 in Abbeville Recreation Complex. It will be a double elimination tournament open to all women's teams and will be conducted by ASU.

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Wood Pleased With Spring Drills



Three Elba Players Named To All-SAC Basketball Team

Brockton Concludes First Week Of Training

The New Brockton Gamecocks completed one week of spring football practice prior to the start of the holidays, and Coach Leavy Boutwell, who started his team working hard in preparation for their second season as a 2A school.

"We had 38 players out on opening day," stated Boutwell, "but we're down to 33 now. We return seven players on offense and four on defense, so we should have leadership if we develop into a good club. The boys aren't excited in past years, but spring is a good time to pick up as we go on. We'll add a few more plays next week and do more scrimmaging; however, we won't let the jamboree enter our thoughts. We have a game plan for the game - we're looking at it as a chance to look at our kids a game situation and evaluate the play. Once we've got a lot of young kids, we're giving a lot of effort and they'll get better."

The Gamecocks will play Zion Chapel on Thursday, March 23, in the second half of their season. Kingston will meet Coffee Springs in the opening half.

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optimistic when asked to comment on his team's progress.

"The second week of practice went real well," stated Wood. "We continued to work on fundamentals and teamwork, and we did a lot of hitting. We're doing a lot of offensive and defensive work and both groups are improving. The first week the offense looked better, but the defense began to take charge in the second week and looked sharp. On offense we are working on individual moves, especially blocking. We got most of our plays in last week, so we didn't put in much new stuff this week. The number of plays we are running hard and the passing game is improving. On defense we had a real good week, and I mean the entire group. The secondary coverage was excellent. We did a good job and the young kids began to really come around. It was a standout at the scrimmage Tuesday, while on Wednesday the offense got whipped."

"So far I'd say we're right on schedule," added Wood, "but we've had some bad weather. The weather has been good and we've had only minor injuries and very little sickness. We should be back at full strength after AEA and ready to handle the 1983-84 season and led the Tigers to a 13-12 record.

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Kenny Crittenden (Georgiana)

Ron Gough (Georgiana)

Tim Craig (Georgiana)

Carl Massey (Lamar Hill)

Lamar Hill (Luveme)

Eddie Jackson (Luveme)

Dwight Stone (Florala)

Keith Osborn (Florala)

Chris Gant (Straughn)

Guilley, a 6'1" forward, Patricia Daniels, a 5'6" guard and Diane Hall, a 5'6" forward.

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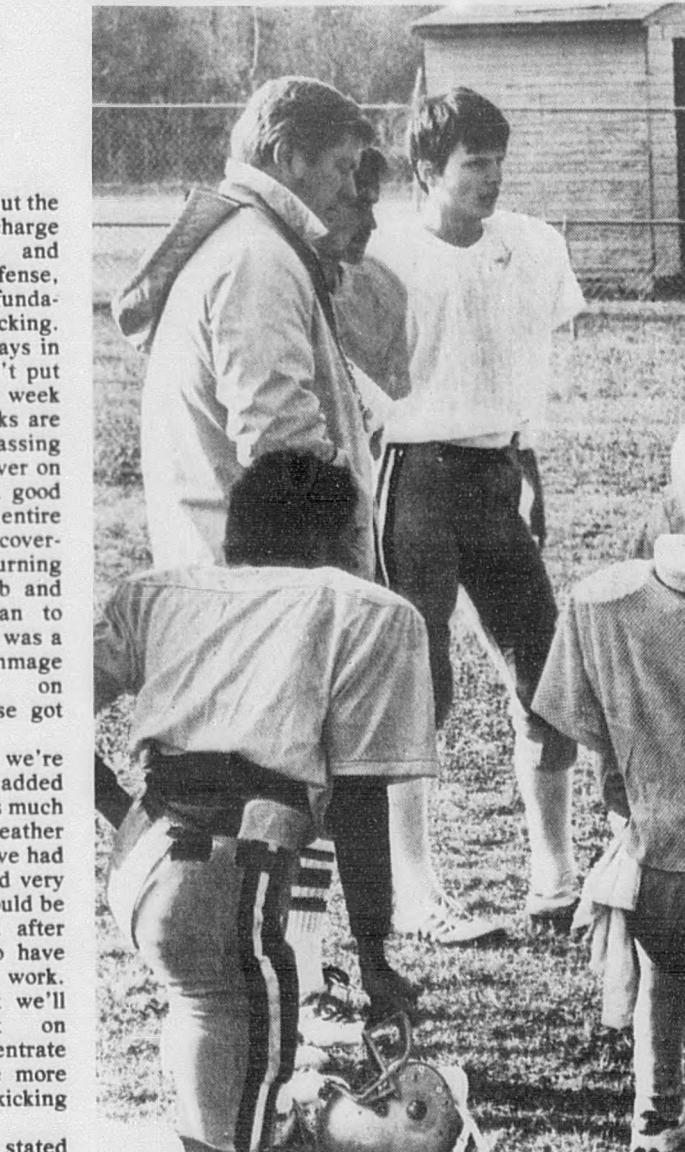
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Elba's Coach Mack Wood talks to players during a time-out

Elba Chamber Of Commerce To Sponsor Bass Tourney In Pea River

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first Pea River Bass Tournament, Saturday, April 9, \$500.00 in cash prizes to be awarded, along with fishing equipment and miscellaneous prizes. Registration is \$50.00 per boat or \$25.00 per person -- with registration cut off date being March 25, 1983. Hurry -- as registration is limited to the first 35 boats.

Fishing weight limit is 3:30 p.m. with Red Holland as judge. A cashfish supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elba Boat Ramp with plates at \$4.00 per adult and \$2.50 for children under 12. Come and enjoy fish stories with Red.

For rules and to register, please contact the Elba Chamber at 897-3125 or Harry Jacobs at 897-5188.

For more information or to enter contact Eddie Dodd, 585-2331 or 585-3096; Robert Beasley, 585-3784 or Harold Land, 585-3797.

Finishers, Most Valuable Player, Best Hitter and Best Fielder. Individual trophies will be given to members of the New Brockton Gamecocks.

Named to the squad were Gregg Hagan, 6' forward; Kenneth Patterson, 6'1" forward; Don Foster, 6'4" center; Foster, a senior, was also nominated to participate in this summer's All-Star game.

Coach: Gerald Albright (Opelika) Connor Brannon (Opp) Shirley Tuck (Troy) Jackie Norris (Florala) Diane Hall (Elba) Susan Smith (Georgiana) Valerie Davis (Andy) Karen Franklin (Straughn) Julie Nelson (Opp) Wanda Elder (Troy) Steve Wilson (Pike Co.) Tim Carter (Pike Co.) Eddie Jackson (Andy) Mike Kelley (Troy)

Girls Division

Coach: Gerald Albright (Opelika)

Connor Brannon (Opp)

Shirley Tuck (Troy)

Jackie Norris (Florala)

Diane Hall (Elba)

Susan Smith (Georgiana)

Valerie Davis (Andy)

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biggest catfish weighed 6½ pounds. The children are the niece and nephew of Winfred and Betty Padgett of Elba.

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Recreation Bid Accepted



Elba Mayor Bob English

The Elba City Council met Monday night with all present except Councilman Charles Kennett, who was reportedly out of town. Mayor English presided over the hour-long meeting.

The council routinely approved a resolution authorizing Mayor English to sign all documents relating to an application for a federal grant under the Community Development program. The city plans to submit the application to the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

"Low bidder on the project was King Construction Company, with a bid of \$39,490. The other three ranged upward to \$49,960. The bid was accepted as the successful bidder," English said.

Bids were opened on the proposed concession building/preschool at the new Hawkins-Williams Park. The project will be paid for with \$50,500 federal money and \$10,000 local money only for bids submitted after Mayor English had previously indicated he had decided not to bid on the project. However, he noted he had privately given council members the figure he would have submitted if he had bid. He told them they could use that as a guide line to determine if the bids were good or not.

"I told one of the bidders that his bid was 'in between' the two low bidders," English said.

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We heard a report last week that Ft. Rucker helicopters had been fired on from the ground. It was later determined by red-faced Army officials that what the pilot had seen was a youngster playing cowboys and Indians or something like that, and with an ax handle. Needless to say, his ammunition was not strong enough to endanger a high flying copter.

Is he or isn't he running state government? . . . is he or isn't he seriously ill? . . . is he or isn't he going to resign as governor? . . . These are just some of the questions being asked about Governor George Wallace now that he has entered the hospital for the second time in February and each time because of different problems of doubt that Wallace will resign; it just isn't his nature nor the nature of those who advise him. We aren't so positive about his health conditions, and this isn't anything new. We openly questioned his physical condition during the campaign, but the majority of people of Alabama showed little concern over this and elected him for a fourth term. Now it's time to question his health and time to pray for his good health, as we would for anyone else having health problems.

It is shocking that millions of dollars worth of illegal drugs are found in south Alabama . . . that is supposed to happen in Miami or New York. However, as long as there is a market for the stuff and the price is even half what authorities estimated at \$150 million-plus, then people are going to try importing it. After all, if they succeed once and quit, they are better off money-wise than us with every aspect of our life. However, if those with the tendency to smuggle dope had a conscience and would observe a drug addict for a while, they couldn't sleep for feeling guilty for what they had caused.

An update on Johnny Martin indicates he is progressing better than expected. Johnny was transferred Monday to Spain Rehab Center to begin the long road back. Family members see positive signs in this, and doctors keep reassuring them that his strong physical condition prior to the back injury is a plus for him. We wish Johnny luck.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency now has a new lead on the old lead smelter which they ship. William Ruckelshaus is a man of principle and had an unique advantage of being badly needed and was able to set his own ground rules and free himself of the usual trappings of government . . . bending at the whim of that mass of "assistants" that now surround presidents. We hope he can shore up the EPA at a time when all we hear about the agency is mismanagement.

The jobless rate is down in Alabama for the month of February. This is a good sign and we hope it continues. However, it is still way below the national average. Jobless rates have been returned to the paper. What seems to be the report is that the changing society will cause many people to never be recalled; and there is also concern that some of these are not retrainable into jobs paying comparable wages and will be destined to lower paying jobs or worse . . . welfare.

Spring is here according to the ol' calendar, but we can't tell it by the ol' thermometer on the wall. It is still a bit chilly around Coffee County, and gardeners are having to cover their tender early tomatoes. It is going to get better we know . . . bass fishing will explode soon, as the reports of occasional catches of female bass, full of eggs, are already reaching our cars.

The jobs bills rolling around Washington are gaining speed and some will pass. An expert analysis recently noted that the Tip O'Neil's, Ted Kennedy's, etc. will be buying votes at the expense of the federal budget. Of course the writer has it didn't take much mention of the two above to get folks like me upset over the action of those liberals.

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Letters From Our Readers

Discontinue Fluoride Supplements

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that Fluoride has again been placed in the Elba water system.

We are most pleased to hear that and wish to give positive regards to Public Officials for taking care of the children of their City.

Some of our patients, we have been taken to believe, are taking Fluoride and/or separate Fluoride drops. It is our desire that you call to their attention that it would be in their child's best interest to now these additional Fluoride supplements, that is in the vitamins, and/or drops be discontinued for those who are on our city water system.

Thank you for your support of this Public Health measure.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Herod, Jr., M.D.
A.R. Pappas, M.D.

Why Not Also Ban Cars, Guns.....

Mr. Cox:

Regarding your "Brainstorms" March 17, 1983:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I recently sent to Rep. Lesser of Ozark. I believe it says it all. May I congratulate you on being able to tell us what is dangerous. While we are bandying "mess" alcohol would you please take care of guns, cars, motorcycles, drugs and please don't forget people as all these things and millions more kill each day.

The cost of alcohol problems should be met like the cost of other health problems, as a discrimination of society not responsible consumers. Each case of 24 cans of beer sold in the state of Alabama now nets a minimum of \$2.92 to taxes. This amounts to more than 25 cents of each dollar the consumer pays. Please compare this amount to any other item on the market. I do not think that you will find any product that will be more expensive.

Studies by the Alcohol Safety Council show that drinking drivers do not change their drinking or driving habits when laws are changed. Drivers and passengers drink and drive even if their license is revoked.

Taxation penalizes the moderate consumer without inhibiting irresponsible individuals. Programs designed to limit access to a product may well lend an aura of "forbidden fruit," thereby encouraging misuse.

Sincerely,

DONNA BOSWELL HORN

"Mr. Sasser:
A few comments on your bill:

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Mr. Estelle King

Mr. Estelle King, age 80, of Elba, died Friday, March 18, 1983, in the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20, at 10 a.m. from the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Church Cemetery with Hayes

directing.

Survivors include three sons: Fletcher M. King, Elba; Charles A. King, Bossier, LA; and George E. King, Opp, two sisters: Effie King, Mrs. Lurene King, and Lucille Bryan, Elba; two brothers: Z.Z. Hudson and Greene Mack Hudson, both of Elba; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Etta B. Crocker

Mary Linda Miller, Enterprise

and great-grandchildren.

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9th Annual Piney Woods Festival
Plans Announced

SOCIALS

Angela Thanes

Celebrates Birthday

Little Miss Angela Shasta Thanes celebrated her fifth birthday on Tuesday, March 15, in her home. Party foods included birthday cake and

ice cream.

Celebrating with Angela were her mom and dad, Bob and Charlotte Thanes; her sisters; and several cousins.

Pilots & Chamber To

Have Easter Egg Hunt

The third annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 26, at National Security Insurance Company on Highway 84 East, from 2 p.m. until...

There will be five main prizes. Local and other prizes, as well as free ham balloons for all children.

Pictures will be made with the Easter bunny by Dale Mosely.

All children from Toddler through third grade are welcome. There is no

GOLD NUGGET SALE

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Plans Now Underway

for making the Ninth Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival which will be held on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College on Sat., April 16 and Sun., April 17. The overall chairperson will be Carol McCrary Koomen with Alex Koomen serving as Business Manager. Numerous visitors from throughout Alabama and neighboring states are expected. Also there will be a return of the popular "fun center" and outstanding entertainment will be provided.

The various committees are already at work to assure the success of the Festival which is sponsored each year by the Coffee County Arts Alliance. The committees are as follows: Publicity - Janet Mounts; Carol and Alex Koomen, Judge selection - Dr. Richard Sudder, Cash Certificates - Mrs. Jon Sage; Welcome and hospitality - Becky Armstrong; Welcome packets for artists - Marjorie Pittman; Student Art - Jennifer Clark and Jane King; Facilities Set-Up - Stanley Walker and Wayne Griffin; Concessions - Harriet Fritz; First Center - John Taylor; Entertainment - Alan Haynes; Bake Sales - Joanne Pappas, Lynda Collier, and Betty Cox; Patron Purchases - Jay Porter. The general festival committee consists of Alex and Carol Koomen, Jean Bailey, Karin Murray and Luella Henderson.

The festival was named "Piney Woods" in honor of the name of the town to which town guests included:

Johnny and Gladys G. White, Hattiesburg, MS; Audra and Steven Barker; Jim Ober and John Ober, Huntsville; Alan, Bothe, Missy and Jason Booth, Troy; and Millie Boswell.

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REBEL NEWS

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LAND AND DAIRY JUDGING TEAMS ... The Zion Chapel Agri-Business department recently won first place in the Coffee County Land Judging Contest and second place in the Dairy Judging Contest in the Land Judging contest. Steve Nelson was the high scorer and was also one of the high scores of his teammates Michael Hill, Jason Hussey, David Rainey and Wayne Neilson. Zion Chapel won the contest with a score of 645 points to Enterprise's second place score of 621 points. The Dairy Judging team won second place with 331 points, behind Enterprise who scored 340 points. (Elba and Kinston teams also participated in the two contests.)

Cheerleader Try-Outs

BY: CHANCELLOR SHERRI the practices that the students are trying out reflect poorly on the rest of the squad or school will be allowed during games, unless the student is in cheerleader uniform. Squad members may be dismissed at the discretion of the sponsor and the school principal for actions that are considered inappropriate for people who have been elected as leaders of their school.

The summer cheerleader activities include practices twice a week and could include cheerleader camps. Mrs. Dyess has begun preparations for the try-outs which will be held on April 12. She held a meeting for all of the students planning to try-out and passed out pamphlets, permission forms, teacher profile sheets, and a list containing all of the practices that the student



TERRY HAYNES, a junior at Zion Chapel, was recently selected as a member of the All-Wiregrass Basketball Team. The team was chosen by the Dothan Eagle and consisted of the All-Star players in each classification of teams in the wiregrass area.

Zion Chapel Rebel Briefs

ALABAMA CONCERT

BY: CRAIG FLOWERS

"Alabama", the nation's top entertainers recently performed at the Civic Center in Ozark, Alabama and several Zion Chapel teachers and students were able to attend.

Despite tornado warnings, strong winds, and heavy rain the performance was sold out and every seat was filled. The early performance began at 2:30 PM and ended at 5:30 PM.

The next week at school there was a "Alabama" who had arrived and was becoming a "Alabama". T-shirts were for purchase including pictures of "Alabama", one of which was brought back to Mrs. Bryan.

CREATIVE CONTEST WINNER

BY: L. RENFRO

Angela Thrasher, a senior at Zion Chapel, was Coffe County's third place winner in the Short Story division of the Creative Writing competition held recently. Her short story was entitled "The Little Lost Girl." Her awards were \$5 and a certificate of participation.

The entries in the contest were judged by the members of the English Department at Enterprise State Junior College.

DONKEY BASKETBALL

BY: DENISE LOTTE

The Zion Chapel gym seemed to have been converted into a donkey farm when the basketball team in conjunction with Thurston's Professional Animal Feeding from Bowling, North Carolina.

The two teams competing in this outrageous game were the Jack Idiots, made up of parents, and the Jack Jackasses, made up of students from Zion Chapel. When the bucking and falling and running was over, the Jack Idiots came out on top. The Jack Jackasses by a score of 28-26.

Power scorers for the Jacks were Representative Jimmy Holley of Elba and John W. Vaughan, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools.

Half-time entertainment was provided by "Grandma's String Band" members, Mrs. Alene Naylor, Mrs. Dugay Green, Bonnie Green, and Ricky Nicholson and Miss Sherry Chancellor who accompanied herself doing "Back In Your Arms," "Wish You Were Here," and "I'm Not Honest Love You."

STEAK SUPPER

BY: ALISON MADDOX AND DONNA FOLEY

Mr. Johnny Vaughan, Coffee County Superintendent of Education, sponsored a steak supper for the Zion Chapel volleyball team and varsity cheerleaders. The supper was given because the basketball team won the first Area championship in the school's history.

Coach Mike Lindsey began the supper by thanking everyone for attending and recognized the basketball team, cheerleaders, statisticians, and cheerleaders for the work they did during the basketball season. Mr. Vaughan congratulated the team on winning the area crown and stated

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Sports

**Views From
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By, Ricky Mularz Editor

I was dreading the AEA holidays because I couldn't imagine what we'd do for sports with all the schools closed. Well, the holidays did slow down things a little, but I found time to clean out my desk and even wrote a feature I'd been thinking about for over a year. Guess it wasn't so bad after all!

SPRING TRAINING AT ELBA HIGH

The Elba Tigers got back to work Monday, and everyone continues to be excited about the progress being made. Coach Wood and his staff are hard at work, and the players are planning and it shows on the practice field as the different squads go from one drill to another. It looks like the Tigers are getting a lot done this spring; however, I guess we'll all see come next Thursday night at the Black and Gold game.

By the way, don't forget to buy a barbecue ticket from a football player, coach or cheerleader. The money will be served at the school-lunchroom prior to the game, and it's a great make-a-night of it and help the Elba High Athletic Department raise some much-needed funds. See ya there!

RECREATION BOARD SETS POLICY

As you might have read on last week's front page, the Elba Recreation Board set up regulations that must be followed when a tournament is held at the city ballfields. I am on the board and made the motion to adopt the rules, so obviously they're in favor of Elba. Elba has a reputation for holding well-organized softball tournaments. Teams know they'll get a fair deal when play here. For us to continue to be a favorite among softball teams, a strict set of rules must be enforced -- and these will be!

Another item that caused quite a stir was a discussion on whether or not Elba should host this summer's 14-15-year-old Babe Ruth baseball tournament. The tournament is held at various cities on a rotating schedule and this year it's our turn.

I'll admit to having mixed feelings about the tournament; I think if it's our turn we should host it, because our kids deserve it. However, the tournament is held at the same baseball field has been "worn out" through years of use. Also, the backstop is too close to homeplate, the fence is too short and lights are bad. The back points come close to bumping the good points don't they?

The board was just as confused as I am, and we undoubtedly hear a lot of people's opinions prior to the next meeting. Please, let us hear your opinions before our April 11 meeting.

BASEBALL COACHES NEEDED IN DIXIE YOUTH

The youth baseball season is just around the corner and two coaches are needed in the Dixie Youth League. The league is for boys ages 10-12, which means a coach must start from scratch and teach his players the game. A coach must be patient and at the same time, have a good patience and most of all - know how to teach boys the right way to play baseball. Baseball should not only give boys a chance to practice playing - it should also give the kids a chance to practice sportsmanship and fair play!

If you'd like to coach and can devote the time required, call the recreation department, or just let me know.

BASSE TOURNAMENT SHOULD BE FUN

The Chamber of Commerce's first annual "Base Tournament" is coming up soon and it's like a lot of fun will be in store for area fishermen. The event will give local anglers a chance to fish all day in the Pea River, and give them a chance to win some big prizes! I'm not a fisherman, but I hear a lot of folks bragging about how good they can fish, and this is their chance to prove just how good they really are. We'll find out who can fish and who can talk the best!

If you haven't entered, just call down at city hall, or ask for Harry Jacobs at the Dairy Queen. They'll be glad to sign you up.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH JOHNNY

I was deeply saddened to hear of Johnny Martin's tragic accident. Johnny and I have been friends for years, and I know he's a fighter and will give it all he's got to fully recover. C'mon Johnny, we're all pulling for you!

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Enterprise honored its "All-Time" football team last week and one name that stood out was that of Neil Henderson. I've known Neil a long time and used to watch him play softball when I was a kid (sorry Neil), but I never knew he was originally from Enterprise and also an ex-football star!

I guess I should have known - Neil's too big to have played at Elba.

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Elba Tigers Resume Spring Football Training

The Elba Tigers returned to the practice field this week after a one-week break for the AEA holidays and Coach Mack Wood reported the Tigers will continue to work

on fundamentals throughout the spring. "We plan on doing a lot of fundamental work everyday," stated Wood, "and also do a lot of hitting

for most of the week, and hopefully work on passing and kicking on Thursday and Friday. We plan on adding another full day sometime Friday, so we'll know where we stand after that."

When asked about the scrimmage held on the final day before the break, Wood said, "It was a good scrimmage, but we've still got a long way to go. The offensive line worked hard and did a good job on the blocks. The run blocking broke down at times, but it will improve with work. The backs ran hard and did a good job, even though we had a few turnover. We moved the ball well. Over on defense we limited the group on what they could do, but they still held their own. All things considered, we're still in shape. We were late last year, but, we're now keep on working."

For rules and to register, please contact the Elba Chamber at 897-5221 or Harry Jacobs at 897-5186.

Bass Tourney Set For April 9 In Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first Pea River Bass Tournament, April 9. \$500.00 in cash prizes to be awarded, along with fishing equipment and minor prizes. Registration is \$5.00 per boat or \$25.00 per person -- with registration cut off being March 25, 1983. Hurry -- as registration is limited to the first 35 boats.

Band Boosters To Hold Men's Softball Tourny

The Zion Chapel Band Boosters will sponsor a 14-team men's softball tournament on Thursday, April 16.

The entry fee will be \$60 and each team will hit its own restricted flight ball.

Barbeque To Precede Black & Gold Game

Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the high school and the game will commence at 6:30 p.m. The Black and Gold game will follow at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited to come out for an enjoyable night of food and football.

For entry fee is \$60, plus one restricted flight ball per game.

For more information or to enter contact Eddie Dodd, Eddie Alexander, Eddie Beasley, Robert Beasley, or Harold Land, 585-3797.

Beyond the cash awards of the Smith Lake event,

Fishing begins at 6 a.m. with weigh in at 3:30 p.m. Red Holland will judge. A cash supper will follow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elba Boat Launch with plates \$4.00 per adult and \$2.50 for children under 12. Come swap fish stories with Red.

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Red Man Tournament Trail Leads To Smith Lake

Anglers in the Bama Division of the Red Man Tournament Trail will be competing in the Smith Lake tournament on Saturday, April 14. The second of six events on the Bama slate for 1983, the Smith Lake tournament will be headquartered out of Dutton Bridge Inn.

Red Man Tournament trail events are geared for the "working man" angler. Tournaments are one-day affairs and the entry fee is low, \$50.00 or 100% of entry money is returned along the trail as cash awards.

Purses are guaranteed by supporting sponsors Ryobi Corp., Sullivans Brewery Co., Hammard Bait Co., Techsonic and Mann's Bait Co. A minimum winner's purse of \$1,000 is guaranteed, but the warn

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News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO

MARCH 22, 1973

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***Elba Elches: Swimming pool covered with red river water after recent heavy rainfall... Mrs. Ringador buying bunches of Clippers... rain.

***Mrs. June Grantham graduated from Troy State University March 16 with a major in elementary education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jacobs and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lura Ennis and Mrs. S.J. Jacobs.

***Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Culbreth of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gwendolyn LaNei, to Elba's Alan Abridge son of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Abridge, also of Elba. The wedding will be May 4 in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

***Elva Johnson, Stephen Smith and Randy Sasser, members of the Elba High School FFA Chapter who won first place in the Coffee County FFA Dairy Judging contest held recently, are pictured.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 19, 1953

***Betty Wise was named Miss FHA of 1953 at a recent meeting of the P.T.A.

***Mr. and Mrs. Math McCollough have returned from Umatilla, Florida, where they spent several months at their home. Among other things, they brought us a box of citrus fruits from their place. Many thanks. (C.B. McDowell)

***Rev. Fred Davis, pastor of the Elba First Methodist Church, does not go in much for fishing and hunting, but he participates in many sports and has a hobby of collecting and repairing old clocks. He has set a goal of 25 to collect.

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Beef Patties and gravy
Creamed Potatoes
English Peas
Rolls
Fruit
Milk

TUESDAY
Pizza
Green Salad
Cinnamon Rolls
½ Apple
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WEDNESDAY
Pineapple Pudding
Milk

THURSDAY
Cheese and Macaroni
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Corn Bread

Dennis Dean Receives Promotion

Announcement of the following promotion to grade indicated was made recently by the 115th Tactical Control Squadron, 115th Air National Guard Unit: SRA Dennis E. Dean, Elba, AL

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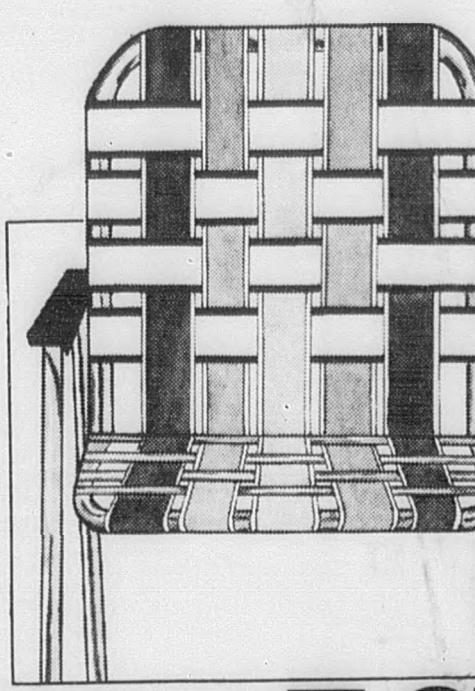
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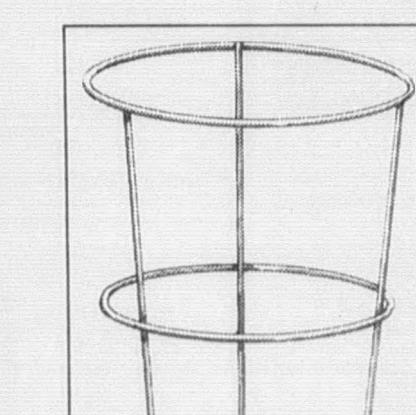
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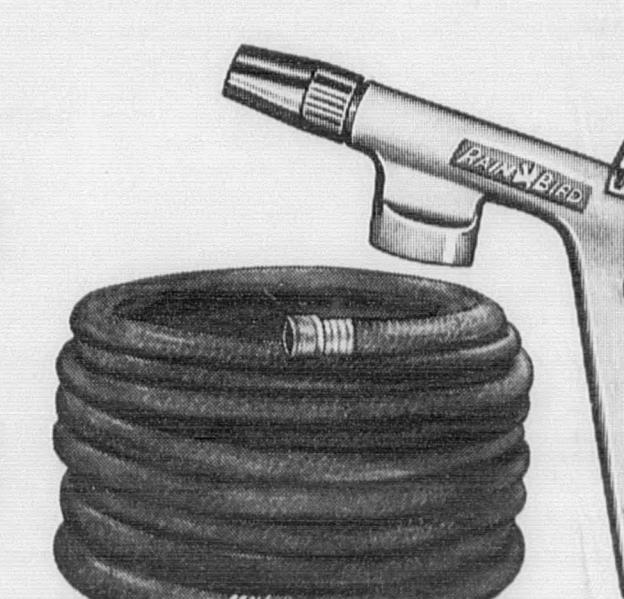


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Jury Needs Only 20 Minutes To Convict

Samson Man Of Raping Elba Teenager

An Elba jury deliberated less than 20-minutes last Friday before returning a guilty verdict against a Samson man charged with the rape of a 15-year-old Elba girl.

Don Lamar Cady, age 26, is currently serving a 15-year prison term for a previous rape conviction in Covington County. The Friday conviction was the second and most recent conviction of Cady, and a maximum sentence of life in prison, under Alabama's Habitual Offender Act. Circuit Judge Terry Butts will sentence Cady on Friday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m.

The victim, now 17-years old, was one of eight people called by the prosecution on Thursday, March 24, to identify the girl and see if she was willing to testify. She said she placed the sock in her shoe. Upon arriving at the friend's home, where she telephoned her mother to come pick her up, the girl stated she noticed the sock had fallen out of the shoe.

When she went back to look for the sock, the victim said she was approached by a man in a blue car, who got out of the car and asked her for directions. During this time, the man

reportedly put his hands around her throat and warned her not to scream or she would be hurt. The victim testified she didn't want to get hurt or killed, so she didn't fight. She said she passed out during the assault and when she came to the next morning, she was still in the same area. Paul told the court he was on patrol the night in question and took down the tag number of a blue car in the same area where the alleged rape took place. He also testified that the victim identified Cady out of a photo on the day following the assault.

Cady reportedly told Patrolman Paul he was in a Veteran's Hospital in Tuskegee on the night of the rape; however, hospital records revealed Cady was admitted to the hospital at 1:20 a.m. on Jan. 20, 1982. The rape was reported to police approximately 10:00 p.m. on Jan. 19, and according to the chief of medical records at the VA Hospital, the drive from Tuskegee to Elba took approximately three hours and ten minutes.

During police questioning, Cady told Patrolman Paul the victim was mistaken in picking him as her assailant and also said the law officer mistakingly identified Cady out as the one the man was seen from.

During final arguments on Friday morning, Defense Attorney Shirley contended there was not enough light at the scene of the alleged rape for the victim to make a positive identification. However, the jury obviously didn't agree!

County Commission To

Subsidize Garbage Contractor

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session Monday evening, March 28, at the Courthouse in Elba, and voted to give a \$1,000 per month subsidy to R & R Solid Waste for a period of six months to pick-up household garbage in the rural sections of the county.

The county's current garbage collection was discussed at the previous meeting on March 14, and the county commission instructed Probate Judge Marion Brunson to take the answer to two questions. Can the commission stop illegal pick-up? and (2) Can the commission legally subsidize the present garbage contractor?

"I have discussed the question with the county commissioners," said Commissioner Clegg, "and we are willing to pay the proper procedures to have a 10 cents per acre tax be matched by the government, bringing the total up to 26 cents per acre. The additional funding would enable the county to add a former ranger, which would make protection even better."

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"I am in favor of subsidizing a garbage contractor," said Holley. "The city will be able to get rid of its trash and we can also give a subsidy to the garbage contractor."

"We will always have trouble with illegal garbage pick-up unless we enforce laws to prevent it," said county attorney Warren Rowe. "The cities provide garbage pick-up to all their citizens and them, I see no reason why it won't work in our county. We should support our contractor all the way. There are people who use the service, we like the county would have to subsidize it."

County Health Officer Kenneth Ball told the commission, "You have the authority to do whatever you want to do. I think it is up to the county to stop any illegal pick-up. I think the commission should file an injunction to stop all illegal pick-up. As far as providing service, we have to make sure that we have a good service. If you don't provide a pick-up service, you will be responsible for covering all open dumpsites."

County Attorney Warren Rowe declared, "There is one legal contractor in this county," and the commission agreed, authorizing Rowe to take action to stop any illegal garbage pick-up.

Mr. Jack Richburg, representing R & R Solid Waste, the county's garbage contractor, argued that the commission say, "I will do one year without asking for anything; however, I have been asking for help for the past six months and received none. I've got to have help or I'm going to go out of business."

Richburg agreed to pay a \$1,500 a month subsidy and agreed to pay a \$500 a month dumping fee. He requested the subsidy continue until he could add 400 paying customers, to a total population of 1,000.

"I will pay a \$1,000 a month subsidy and waive a dumping fee, but voted to continue the subsidy for six months. It told Richburg to inform the public of his service and try to get more customers needed, then at the end of the subsidy period, Richburg would then be on his own."

The bi-monthly meeting